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Microsoft is obviously a Government sanctioned monopoly. I guess mony can buy almost anything. Microsoft software forces it's political viwes and religious views into the operating system. Application software that is doing well in the marketplace is either bought by Microsoft or challenged by Microsoft's own competing product. A company with the sole desire that all software come from or created with software from Microsoft is a dangerous monopoly. With the power over the operating system that they alone dictate, they can invade the privacy of your computer at will. I doubt a firewall is of much use against their backdoors into virtually every piece of software they make. With as many lines of code that their operating system contains, it would take a very long time to seal all of the chinks in their armour. That is why it is so easy to hack into the operating system. If the DOD is using MS operating systems, I shudder with fear.

The settlement was not even equal to a hand slap. They have closed the doors of many good companies with their tactics. They deserve to be fined and limited in scope as to their product line. You might say that freedom of speech is at stake here. Linux is the only thing stopping Gates empire from total domination of the PC market. You broke up the AT&T monopoly, big oil, and refuse to let some airlines to merge even though it will most likely mean the demise of both because of it. Microsoft is obviously a VERY close friend of the US Government to get away with all of their unfair practices.

I am ashamed of the way our government responded. I am proud to be a US citizen. Our freedoms did not come cheap. We are letting one company take over the way we shop, where we can browse, what information we can access, and open our personal data to them at their leisure. Please protect our freedoms that were fought for by so many.

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"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
with all your soul and with all your strength."
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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